

What is claimed is:

1. A method of forming a menu on a display of an electronic device, which menu comprises at least two function elements (1) for selecting functions, **characterized** in that, the method comprises the steps of
  - defining at least three display areas (A, B, C) that are substantially adjacent to each other in a first direction,
  - defining at least a first identification part (2) and a second identification part (3) that are contained in the function element (1),
  - displaying the first identification part (2) of the function element (1) in said first direction on the outermost display areas (A, C),
  - displaying the second identification part (3) of the function element (1) on at least one display area (B) between said outermost display areas (A, C) in such a manner that the second identification part of the first function element and the second identification part of the second function element are positioned at least substantially next to each other in a second direction substantially perpendicular to said first direction.
2. The method according to claim 1, **characterized** in that the dimensions of the first identification part (2) of the function element (1) in the second direction are substantially larger than the dimensions of the second identification part (3) of the function element (1) in said second direction.
3. The method according to claim 2, **characterized** in that the size of the first identification part (2) in the second direction is twice the size of the second identification part (3) in said second direction.
4. The method according to claim 1 or 2, **characterized** in that the first identification part (2) is an image and the second identification part (3) is a label.

5 5. The method according to claim 1 or 2, **characterized** in that the function element (1) is connected to at least one of the functions of the device.

10 6. The method according to claim 5, **characterized** in that the function is a phone number directory, a image manager, a phone manager, a message manager or an electronic organizer.

7. The method according to claim 1, **characterized** in that navigation between the first function element (1) and the second function element is conducted in the second direction.

15 8. A graphic user interface (GUI) of an electronic device, the function of the GUI being to present various menus, which menus comprise at least two function elements (1) for selecting functions, **characterized** in that

20 - at least three display areas (A, B, C) that are substantially adjacent to each other in a first direction are formed for at least two function elements (1),  
- the first identification part (2) of the function element (1) is displayed in said first direction on the outermost display areas (A, C),  
25 - the second identification part (3) of the function element (1) is displayed on at least one display area (B) between said outermost display areas (A, C) in such a manner that the second identification part of the first function element and  
30 the second identification part of the second function element are positioned at least substantially next to each other in a second direction substantially perpendicular to said first direction.

35 9. The GUI according to claim 8, **characterized** in that the dimensions of the first identification part (2) of the function element (1) in the

second direction are substantially larger than the dimensions of the second identification part (3) of the function element in said second direction.

5 10. The GUI according to claim 8 or 9, **characterized** in that the size of the first identification part (2) in the second direction is twice the size of the second identification part (3) in said second direction.

10 11. The GUI according to claim 8, **characterized** in that that  
- the first identification part (2) is an image, and  
- the second identification part (3) is a label.

15 12. A device comprising a display with a graphic user interface (GUI), the function of the GUI being to present various menus, which menus comprise at least two function elements (1) for selecting functions, **characterized** in that

20 - at least three display areas (A, B, C) that are substantially adjacent to each other in a first direction are formed for at least two function elements (1),  
- the first identification part (2) of the function element (1) is displayed in said first direction on the outermost display areas (A, C),  
25 - the second identification part (3) of the function element (1) is displayed on at least one display area (B) between said outermost display areas (A, C) in such a manner that the second identification part of the first function element and the second identification part of the second function element are positioned at least substantially next to each other in a second direction substantially perpendicular to  
30 said first direction.

13. The device according to claim 12, **characterized** in that the dimensions of the first identification part (2) of the function element (1)  
35 in the second direction are substantially larger than the dimension of

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the second identification part (3) of the function element in said second direction.

14. The device according to claim 12 or 13, **characterized** in that the  
5 size of the first identification part (2) in the second direction is twice the size of the second identification part (3) in said second direction.

15. The device according to claim 12, **characterized** in that that  
- the first identification part (2) is an image, and  
10 - the second identification part (3) is a label.

16. The device according to claim 12, **characterized** in that the device  
is one of the following: a mobile phone, a personal digital assistant, a  
hand held computer, a digital camera, a laptop or a PC.

17. A system comprising a display unit with a graphic user interface  
(GUI), the function of the GUI being to present various menus, which  
menus comprise at least two function elements (1) for selecting  
functions, **characterized** in that

20 - at least three display areas (A, B, C) that are substantially adjacent to each other in a first direction are formed for at least two function elements (1),  
- the first identification part (2) of the function element (1) is  
25 displayed in said first direction on the outermost display areas (A, C),  
- the second identification part (3) of the function element (1) is displayed on at least one display area (B) between said outermost display areas (A, C) in such a manner that the  
30 second identification part of the first function element and the second identification part of the second function element are positioned at least substantially next to each other in a second direction substantially perpendicular to said first direction.

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18. The system according to claim 17, **characterized** in that the dimensions of the first identification part (2) of the function element (1) in the second direction are substantially larger than the dimension of the second identification part (3) of the function element in said second  
5 direction.

19. The system according to claim 17, **characterized** in that the size of the first identification part (2) in the second direction is twice the size of the second identification part (3) in said second direction.  
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20. The system according to claim 17, **characterized** in that that  
- the first identification part (2) is an image, and  
- the second identification part (3) is a label.

15 21. A software program of displaying a menu on a display of an electronic device, the program comprising a number of instructions, **characterized** in that the instructions, when executed by a processor, prompt the processor to perform the steps of

20 - defining at least three display areas (A, B, C) that are substantially adjacent to each other in a first direction,  
- defining at least a first identification part (2) and a second identification part (3) that are contained in the function element (1),  
25 - displaying the first identification part (2) of the function element (1) in said first direction on the outermost display areas (A, C),  
- displaying the second identification part (3) of the function element (1) on at least one display area (B) between said  
30 outermost display areas (A, C) in such a manner that the second identification part of the first function element and the second identification part of the second function element are positioned at least substantially next to each other in a second direction substantially perpendicular to  
35 said first direction.

22. A storage medium readable by a computer, said medium containing information stored therein, **characterized** in that the information, when executed by a processor, prompts the processor to perform the steps of

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- defining at least a first identification part (2) and a second identification part (3) that are contained in the function element (1),

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- displaying the first identification part (2) of the function element (1) in said first direction on the outermost display areas (A, C),

- displaying the second identification part (3) of the function element (1) on at least one display area (B) between said outermost display areas (A, C) in such a manner that the second identification part of the first function element and the second identification part of the second function element are positioned at least substantially next to each other in a second direction substantially perpendicular to said first direction.

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